

As an older single person on a small fixed income, I already cannot afford cable in my area because of the high prices resulting from the monopoly one company holds here. Now, I am faced with the possibility of not being able to afford internet, either! PLEASE DO NOT GRANT THE BELLS ANY MORE POWER! Competition requires competitors to be able to compete. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. please DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country